

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 and 29-35 are currently pending in the present application, Claims 1-4 and 14 having been amended by way of the present amendment. Claims 29-35 are added to recite features not disclosed or suggested by the art of record. No new matter is added.¹

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-4, 7, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Ohki, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,952,639, hereinafter “Ohki”); Claims 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Ohki in view of Goldthwaite, et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2004/0127256, hereinafter “Goldthwaite”); Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Ohki in view of Rikuna (U.S. Pat. No. 4,827,113, hereinafter “Rikuna”); and Claims 9-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Ohki in view of Bornemisza-Wahr, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,073,119, hereinafter “Bornemisza-Wahr”).

Amended Claim 1 defines an information processing apparatus communicatively linked to an IC card for reading out information recorded in the IC card. The information processing apparatus includes

a first memory configured to store *an executable application* for accessing information recorded in said IC card;

information acquisition means for acquiring said information recorded in said IC card by executing said application, *said application being executable only when said information processing apparatus is in a polling mode in which detection and verification of said IC card is performed*; and

a second memory configured to store said information acquired by said information acquisition means *when said information processing apparatus is in said polling mode*.

¹ Support for the amendments to Claims 1-4 and 14 is found at least on pages 50, lines 9-20, page 35, lines 1-7, pages 36-37, and in Figs. 12-13. New Claims 29-35 find support on pages 38-50, and in Figs. 12-13.

Ohki is directed to electronically depositing money into a bank account using an automatic cash handling machine. Ohki describes “executing a process for depositing money of amount corresponding to amount of money of the accepted cash into an account designated by the account identification account held in the cash card.”² At best, Ohki describes that when the IC card 10 is inserted an automatic cash handling machine, a bank identification number and a bank account number are read out from the IC card, which are used to designate the bank account necessary for the depositing.³

However, Ohki does not disclose or suggest “a first memory configured to store an executable application for accessing information recorded in said IC card,” “information acquisition means for acquiring said information recorded in said IC card by executing said application, said application being executable only when said information processing apparatus is in a polling mode in which detection and verification of said IC card is performed” and “a second memory configured to store said information acquired by said information acquisition means when said information processing apparatus is in said polling mode,” as recited in amended Claim 1.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 1 and claims dependent therefrom patentably define over Ohki.

Independent Claims 2 and 3, while differing in scope and/or statutory class from Claim 1, patentably define over Ohki for substantially the same reasons as Claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Ohki does not anticipate or render obvious the features of independent Claims 2 and 3. Therefore, independent Claims 2 and 3 and the claims dependent therefrom are believed to patentably define over Ohki.

² See Claim 6 of Ohki, for example.

³ See col. 9, lines 44-52, of Ohki.

Amended Claim 4 defines an information processing apparatus communicatively linked to an IC card for reading out information recorded in the IC card. The information processing apparatus includes

a first memory configured to store an *executable application for accessing information recorded in said IC card*, said application being executable *only when said information processing apparatus is in a polling mode*, said polling mode being a mode in which detection and verification of said IC card is performed;

IC card detection means for detecting said IC card in a communicatable state *when said information processing apparatus is in said polling mode*; and

information acquisition means for acquiring the information stored in said IC card when a result of said type discrimination means indicates that said IC card is a legal type card, *the information being acquired by executing said application when said information processing apparatus is in said polling mode*.

As noted above, Ohki describes that when the IC card 10 is inserted an automatic cash handling machine, a bank identification number and a bank account number are read out from the IC card, which are used to designate the bank account necessary for the depositing, as best. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Ohki does not disclose or suggest “a first memory configured to store an executable application for accessing information recorded in said IC card, said application being executable only when said information processing apparatus is in a polling mode, said polling mode being a mode in which detection and verification of said IC card is performed,” “IC card detection means for detecting said IC card in a communicatable state when said information processing apparatus is in said polling mode,” and “information acquisition means for acquiring the information stored in said IC card when a result of said type discrimination means indicates that said IC card is a legal type card, the information being acquired by executing said application when said information processing apparatus is in said polling mode,” as recited in amended Claim 4.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 4 and claims dependent therefrom patentably define over Ohki.

Independent Claim 14, while differing in scope and/or statutory class from Claim 4, patentably defines over Ohki for substantially the same reasons as Claim 4. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Ohki does not anticipate or render obvious the features of independent Claim 14. Therefore, independent Claim 14 is believed to patentably define over Ohki.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 1-4, 7, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 5 and 6 as unpatentable over Ohki in view of Goldthwaite, it is noted that Claims 5 and 6 are dependent from Claim 4, and thus are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Goldthwaite does not cure any of the above-noted deficiencies of Ohki. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 5 and 6 are patentable over Ohki and Goldthwaite.

With regard to the rejection of Claim 8 as unpatentable over Ohki in view of Rikuna, it is noted that Claim 8 is dependent from Claim 4, and thus is believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Rikuna does not cure any of the above-noted deficiencies of Ohki and Rikuna. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 8 is patentable over Ohki and Rikuna.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 9-13 as unpatentable over Ohki in view of Bornemisza-Wahr, it is noted that Claims 9-13 are dependent from Claim 4, and thus are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Bornemisza-Wahr does not cure any of the above-noted deficiencies of Ohki. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 9-13 are patentable over Ohki and Bornemisza-Wahr.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 5-6 and 8-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

Finally, new Claims 29-35 are supported at least by the specification on pages 38-50, and by Figs. 12-13. As new Claims 29-35 depend from Claim 1, new Claims 29-35 are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons described above with respect to these claims. Further, new Claims 29-35 are believed to recite subject matter that further defines over the cited references. Therefore, new Claims 29-35 are also allowable.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

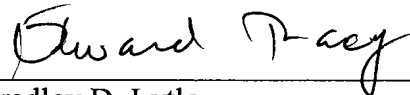
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